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May 10 - May 17, 2026

Worship this Sunday

May 10, 2026

Join us for Worship at 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

Sermon Title: Feed My Sheep

Scripture: Psalm 31 | John 21: 15-19

[Click here for our live stream and worship resources](#)

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The pastor on call for the month of May is The Rev. Laurie Taylor Weicher. She can be reached at 919 714-7213 or at

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From Tara's Desk

Dear Church,

One thing I am very sure of is that it is important for the church to try new things. If we always do the same thing over and over, we miss the chance to discover new ways to serve and be in the world. I am also a big believer in “failing forward.” Failing

forward is the idea that you tried something new, maybe it didn't work out, but you gained insight and learned what may work better in the future.

So we are going to try a new thing this summer. When the church moves to one worship service at 10:30 a.m. beginning May 24, we will launch a new Sunday school class for the church's adults. Instead of having five Sunday school classes like the rest of the year, we'll all meet together for this one class. It will be a fun time of unity, fellowship, and learning. The Strategic Planning Committee helped develop this idea. The pastoral staff will teach. The theme of the lessons is "This Changes Everything: Faith and Everyday Life." Below, I have listed some of the topics we hope to cover.

Please make plans to join us! Particularly, if you are new to the church, this is an easy way to get involved in our Sunday school program. I hope to see you all there!

In faith, hope, and love,
The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

This Changes Everything: Faith and Everyday Life

Identity: Who the Gospel Says You Are

Anxiety and Fear: A Worried Heart

Vocation and Purpose: The Gospel and Monday Morning

Suffering and Grief: When Life Breaks Down

Forgiveness and Conflict: The Hardest Command

Failure and Shame: For Those Who Blew It

Living Together: The Gospel and the People Under Your Roof

Technology and Distraction: The Gospel and the Scrolling Life

Money and Generosity: The Gospel and Your Wallet

Ambition and Success: The Gospel and Getting Ahead

Death and Eternity: The Last Enemy

Friendship: The Gospel and the Art of Staying

Doubt and Faith: The Gospel for the Questioning Heart

Mission and Everyday Life: The Gospel Sent Out

This Week



May God's grace and tender mercy rest upon you this day.

Blessed are you who nurture and care for children here on earth, offering love, guidance, and steadfast presence.

Blessed are you who carry your children in your heart and in sacred memory, holding them close beyond time and space.

Blessed are you who have known strain or distance in your relationships with your children; may God's healing and peace gently surround you.

Blessed are you who long to become a mother, whose hope and yearning are known and cherished by God.

Blessed are you who grieve the absence of your own mother; may you feel comforted by God's abiding presence and love.

Coming Up



May Circle Meetings

- Circle 4 meets Monday, May 11 at 10:30 a.m. in FPC's Memorial Hall & via Zoom (Hostesses: Mable Taylor and Jan Barwick)
- Circle 6 meets Tuesday, May 12 at 3:00 p.m. at Glenaire (6000 Building, 5th Floor Lounge, West Side)
- Circle 8 meets Tuesday, May 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Armstrong
- Circle 9 meets Monday, May 11 at 6 p.m. in at Relish
- Circle 10 meets Saturday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Kathy and Brinton Hopkins



Presbyterian Women
Birthday Celebration
and Annual
Meeting/Luncheon

May 18, 2026 | 12:00
p.m.

Speaker: Katie
Lowek, Executive
Director,

[RSVP by May 12](#)

~In April/May Circle meetings or call
the church office~

FPC members who are not part of a
PW Circle are encouraged to
attend! Please join us and call the
church office at 919.821.5750
to rsvp.

PAYMENT:

At the door on day of the event with
cash or checks written to FPC,
check memo line:
PW Birthday Luncheon

*If you are no longer able to attend,
please cancel your reservation.

Diaper Train

Location: Memorial Hall

Cost of Meal: \$10

Payment will be required for all reservations not cancelled by May 13.



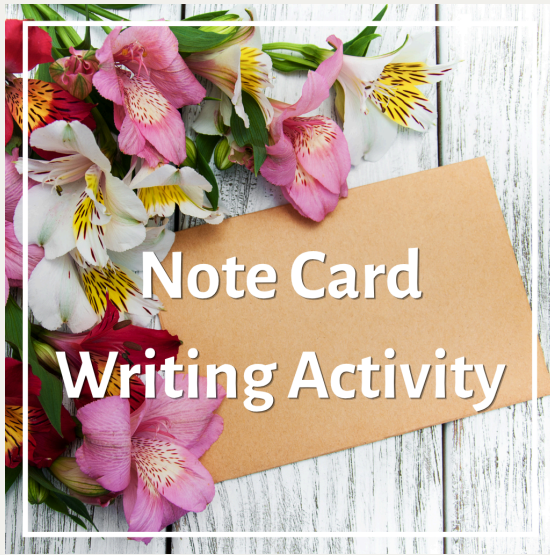
Beginning Sunday, May 24 we will move to our one-service summer schedule. Join us each week for Sunday School (all ages): 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Worship: at 10:30 a.m.; Community Building Activity: 11:30 a.m. We hope that you will be able to join us throughout the summer!



Join us this summer for an all church combined Adult Sunday School class exploring how faith speaks into the realities of everyday life.

Together, we'll reflect on topics like identity, anxiety, suffering and grief, friendship, community, and more—all grounded in Scripture and meaningful conversation. Come discover how faith truly changes everything.

We will gather each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Memorial Hall. All are welcome!



Note Card Writing Activity

Share God's Love Through a Simple Card

Join the Congregational Care Committee on Sunday, May 24 after worship for a special card-writing activity for our homebound members. A simple note of encouragement can brighten someone's day and remind them that their church family is thinking of them.

Cards, envelopes, pens, and stamps will be provided for this activity. All you need to bring is your kindness and a few moments of your time.

Come help us share love, encouragement, and connection with members who are unable to join us in person.



Pickleball

Join Us for Pickleball at FPC

We're starting back our Pickleball group at First Presbyterian – Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 in the church gym beginning on Wednesday May 27th. Additional times can be planned if there is enough interest and participation. Beginners are welcome – we'll have some extra racquets and folks ready to teach you how to play if needed. ([Pickleball Rules](#)). If you have questions or want to be on our mailing list, please contact Ernie

Thompson at
ethompson@fpcraleigh.org.



Teachers & Volunteers Appreciation Lunch

Join us on Sunday, May 31 at 11:30 a.m. in Memorial Hall as we celebrate and give thanks for our dedicated teachers and volunteers.

The Congregational Life and Christian Education Committees invite you to a special Appreciation Luncheon in their honor. Enjoy a build-your-own salad bar along with a variety of potluck side dishes as we gather in fellowship and gratitude for these remarkable servants in ministry.

All are welcome to come, share a meal, and express appreciation for the difference they make in our church family.

Reminders



Would you like to be more involved in Sunday worship service? Sign up to be a lay reader and contribute in a deeply meaningful way as a voice of the congregation. What will you do? As a lay reader you will be reading the opening scripture in your choice of either 8:30 am or 11:00 am service. Scared of those crazy Bible names? Don't be! You've got this and we've got you! Contact Melani

Harrison at 919-821-5750 to sign up
or [sign up here!](#)



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